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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Juergen SCHROEDER, et al.

SERIAL NO: New U.S. PCT Application Based on PCT/EP03/02186

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EXAMINER:

FOR: CLEANING OF TRAY COLUMNS WHICH HAVE BEEN USED FOR RECTIFICATIVELY TREATING LIQUIDS COMPRISING (METH)ACRYLIC ACID AND/OR ESTERS THEREOF

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

## REFERENCES

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- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

## RELATED CASES

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- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

- 1) Reference AO has been cited in the International Search Report. Copies of these references are being submitted herewith only when not automatically provided by the International Searching Authority.
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- 3) References AP-AR & AW are discussed in the specification. A copy of these references is being submitted here with.
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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|  |    |                    |          |                              | YES         | NO |
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## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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|  | AW | Kirk OTHMER, ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY, 4 <sup>TH</sup> edition, vol. 1 pages 301-302 |  |  |  |  |
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